

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The objection to the disclosure is thus deemed to be overcome.

There is submitted herewith a new formal drawing for the sheet containing Figs. 2A and 2B. The typographical error has been corrected in the new formal drawing. Please replace the drawing of record with the new formal drawing submitted concurrently herewith.

In view of the foregoing, the objection to the drawings is deemed to be overcome.

Lastly, the claims have been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner.

In view of the claim amendments, the objection to the claims and the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is deemed to be overcome.

Lastly, a copy of the foreign patents referred to in the Applicants IDSs and requested by the Examiner are submitted herewith for consideration. A fresh copy of the PTO-1449 forms are also submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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